

County Sets School Tax at \$2.9846

TAX RATE JUMPED BY BONDS

A tax rate of \$2.4346 was set this week for the Torrance Unified School District. An additional \$.55 is added to school district taxes for El Camino College.

These figures bring the total tax burden for each citizen up to \$6.5736 per \$100 assessed valuation for the support of county and city agencies.

Tax Bill \$164.34
Based on the \$2,500 estimated assessed valuation of Torrance homes, local residents will shell out approximately \$164.34 this year in county and city taxes alone.

Last year, support of the same agencies took \$162.24 out of the pockets of each taxpayer.

Bond Issues
The \$1,459 jump in school district taxes was caused by a \$2,000,000 bond issue voted here by the public early this year.

Another climb was noted in the local city rate, which jumped from \$1.12 to \$1.1250. Flood control district took a jump from \$1.1878 to \$1.1893.

Declines
On the brighter side, declines were noted in El Camino College rates, which fell from \$.60 to \$.55, Los Angeles County general taxes, which dropped from \$1.6391 to \$1.6306, and in the county library, down from \$.0171 to \$.00673.

Metropolitan Water District
Rates fell to \$.28. Last year it was \$.30.

Another decrease was seen in Sanitary District No. 5 tax rate, which dropped from \$.2978 to \$.2883.

Following is a list of individual taxes to be levied in this county and city:

L. A. County	\$1.6306
City	1.1250
Schools	2.2887
El Camino	.5500
Flood Control	.1893
County Library	.0673
Metropolitan Water	.2800
Sanitary District	.2883
Total rate	\$6.5736

No Word Yet On Closing of IDECO Plant

Reports that International Derrick and Equipment Company will soon close its doors has had no official confirmation as yet. However, sources close to the plant indicate that there is no doubt but that the huge manufacturing facility will be abandoned by the old-time Torrance firm.

It was reported recently that bids on the plant have been received from such firms as National Supply Co. and other Torrance industries.

Indications are that the firm is closing its Carson St. location because it is no longer large enough to house their expanding equipment and operations. It is unknown whether the firm will seek larger facilities here, or relocate elsewhere.

\$60 Earned

An inexpensive Torrance Press Classified Ad earned \$60 for Mr. E. Willett, of 616 E. Carson St. Mr. Willett advertised a .32 calibre Winchester rifle in the classified section recently, and was highly pleased when he sold the rifle for \$60 on the day the paper was distributed.

This ad, inserted only once, sold the gun for Mr. Willett:

"32" Winchester rifle. Good cond. \$60. See at 616 E. Carson St.

You can get the same results, too! To place a fast-action Press Classified Ad, call Torrance 1185 or come to the office at 1406 Cravens Ave., and a courteous ad taker will help you write an ad that will get results.

Motorists Urged to Watch Out For Returning School Children

Now that vacation time is drawing to a close, and over six thousand Torrance school children will be trekking back to class rooms, all citizens are urged to practice extra caution when driving in areas near and adjacent to schools, stated Robert L. Plomert Jr., president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, when he announced the dates of the Chamber's School Children Safety Week.

Dates Set
The week of Sept. 7 to 13 has been set aside for special observation of driving safety regulations so that no Torrance school child will start the school year maimed, he said.

John Mock of the Transportation Department of Torrance Unified School District, calls our attention to the importance of the observance of school bus signals



STATION A—Branch post office station opened for business Tuesday morning. Postal clerk Mrs. Ellen Wright receives first parcel mailed from the new station from Mrs. O. A. Shelhart of 23314 Falena Ave. Station A will be open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is located at 23433 S. Western Ave., near Kettler Knolls.

6500 Return to School As Vacation Nears End

More than 6,500 boys and girls are expected to return for the Fall term at Torrance schools one week from tomorrow on Sept. 12, it was announced today by school administrators.

Torrance schools will open this year with one new additional building, the elementary school in Hollywood Riviera. This brings the total to 11 elementary schools, one high school, and one adult evening school, officials reveal.

Registration and enrollment of all new students is being conducted now at each of the schools, it was disclosed.

The entire staff of 273 instructors will report a week earlier than the students for a series of meetings, workshops, and general preparation for the opening of school.

A full day's attendance will be maintained on the opening day, it was revealed.

Age Requirements
Any child who was four years of age on or before December 1, 1951, may be enrolled in kindergarten. Birth records are required for all new first grade and

New School Return Date Explained

Something new is being tried by the administrators of Torrance schools this year, as children prepare to return to classes on Friday, Sept. 12, instead of the customary Monday.

In a statement to the Press, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, said, "By beginning school this year on Friday instead of Monday, we hope to be able to take care of all the loose ends of registration and assignment of classes in just one day. This way classes can proceed on Monday at full steam, and without distraction. In the past we have always had a few students who are not located in a class until Wednesday or Thursday, so considerable class work is missed.

In addition, the extra school day allows us to release the students earlier for the Christmas holiday, thereby permitting students to work if they wish to," he stated.

Demos Slate Rally Sunday

Congressman Cecil King will be guest speaker at a meeting of Torrance Democrats, Inc., it was announced today by Nick Drale, president of the Democratic group.

The meeting will be held at the United Steelworkers Union Hall on Border Ave. near 213th St., at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7.

The public is invited to the rally, Drale said.

Laws Cited
Recently the California Highway Patrol issued a bulletin citing traffic laws that protect children and which has been made available to the Chamber by Torrance Police Chief John Stroh. Commenting on Safety Week program, Chief Stroh said, "As usual you can count on the Torrance Police Department for 100% cooperation," and he warned the driving public "the 15 mile an hour speed limit in school

zones, when children are going to and from school or playing in the school yards, will be strictly enforced."

No Sidewalks
Torrance Chamber of Commerce Executive Secretary Dale Isenberg stated, "The Chamber is very pleased to see the reaction of the public to the School Children Safety Week as evidenced by the many phone calls and letters received from them in the past few days." Isenberg further stated, "The uniform observance of these safety measures is especially important to the Torrance area where many of our major arterials do not have sidewalks for the use of pedestrians and school children. Motorists must also watch out for the unexpected actions of not only our school children but of our pre-school age group."

Appoint New Director of Adult School

The Board of Education announced this week that Vernon Sheblak has been appointed to fill the vacancy created when Donald Manshaw resigned recently as director of the Adult Education Dept. of the schools.

The 47-year-old education specialist took over his duties on Sept. 2. A graduate of U.C.L.A.

Closing Date
Any child who was five years of age on or before December 1, 1951 or who has completed one year of kindergarten may be enrolled in the first grade. Thirty days after the opening of school, new kindergarten and first grade pupil registration closes for the year.

Bus schedules will be available next week, it was announced.

Frosh Urged To Register This Week

All new Torrance High School students are urged to report to the school this week for counseling service and registration, it was announced by John Steinbaugh, principal of the high school. Only students who have moved into the district recently need do this, he stated.

Counseling offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day between now and the opening of school on Sept. 12. Both boys' and girls' counselors will be on duty. The high school is located at 2200 Carson St.

On Thursday, Sept. 11, a general meeting of all high school freshmen will be held in the school auditorium at 2 p.m. Classes will be assigned to the students at this meeting.

PICK FUND DRIVE KEY MEN HERE

A trio of Torrance businessmen have been named to key spots for the 1952 Community Chest campaign here, City Chairman Don Armstrong announced yesterday.

Named as vice chairmen for the Torrance campaign were A. E. Thompson of the General Petroleum plant and John Ebbinghouse of the American Rock Wool Corp. Advance Gifts

Also picked for a top spot was B. T. "Red" Whitney of the Whitney Finance Co. Whitney will act as chairman of the advance gifts division of the Red Feather appeal here.

Whitney will head a group of eight volunteers who will handle solicitations of special prospects in advance of the general campaign kickoff. The advance gifts campaign is slated to start on Sept. 22.

Drive Data
The advance gifts campaign will be the second phase of the Chest appeal to begin work. The commerce and industry unit is scheduled to start on Sept. 15. These two units will be followed by public employees, business, and residential campaigns, Armstrong said.

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RUMOR HARVEY PLANT HALTED

Spot Car at Motel

Theft Suspect Captured by Local Police

Twenty-one-year-old Roy William Neblett, of Van Nuys, Saturday was turned over to the Valley Division of the Los Angeles Police Department, after he was captured here by Torrance police officers early Saturday morning.

Neblett was arrested in a motel cabin at 3902 Pacific Coast Highway, two hours after an all-points bulletin was issued for his arrest on grand theft auto and burglary counts.

Torrance Police Officers H. B. Ingram and T. O. Pattishall on a final night check of motels for wanted cars spotted an automobile listed as stolen. Mrs. Mary Neblett, mother of the Van Nuys youth, reported the theft of the auto.

Neblett, according to Lt. Alex Thompson, in charge of the squad, was listed in an all-points bulletin sent out by Valley Division police as "armed and desperate."

According to Det. Sgt. H. S. Clarke, of the LAPD, Neblett also is wanted for questioning in regard to a series of "shotgun" robberies staged recently in the San Fernando Valley area.

A search of the automobile Neblett was driving turned up a double-barreled shotgun and a loaded .38-caliber revolver. The trunk of the car was loaded with clothing, clocks, coins, electric shavers and other paraphernalia believed taken in burglaries in the San Fernando Valley area.

Sgt. Clarke said the shotgun (Continued on Page 12)

Voters Out in Force

Registration Heavy As Deadline Nears

Well over 1500 persons have been added to the roster of registered voters of this city through the efforts of the Ballot Battalion, it was announced this week by Jack Dabbs, general chairman of the Ballot Battalion.

Beginning on August 15th, a registrar of voters was stationed at a major downtown intersection on the weekends. Because the response to this service was so great, it was necessary to add another registrar during the first week-end.

Daily Registration
Continued heavy registration made it necessary to have a registrar available during business hours of each day, Dabbs pointed out.

Registration booths will be open each day between now and next Thursday, Sept. 11, the deadline for registration for the general election on Nov. 4.

City Hall will remain open late next Thursday evening to accommodate persons who are unable to register during the day, it was disclosed.

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In commenting on the results of the Ballot Battalion's carefully planned campaign to get every elig-

Protest Delay in New Harbor City School Project

A drive to enter formal protest against the delay in the start of construction of a new Narbonne High School is being led this week by two organizations, the Harbor City Councilman's Advisory Committee and the Shoestring Strip Civic Association.

Mrs. Frances Hencel, chairman of the councilman's advisory group, said various organizations in the communities to be served by the new high school, which was not started until 1955, are being contacted prior to the presentation of a protest of the delay to the Los Angeles Board of Education.

The protests will urge an immediate start of construction of the high school, the site for which has been purchased and is located at Western Ave. and Lomita Blvd.

Indifference Of City Cited As a Cause

Construction of a multi-million dollar aluminum extrusion and forging plant for the Harvey Machine Company in Torrance appeared to have hit a snag this week, as authoritative sources report that officials of the gigantic firm are considering locating the plant in Orange County instead of here.

Two possible reasons for the change in plans were given. It was hinted that company officials were disgusted with Torrance city officials who have done nothing to aid the machine company in acquiring 40 acres at 190th St. and Western Ave. and in installing the huge structure. In addition it was rumored that efforts of the Harvey firm to purchase the 40 acres from the Dominguez Water Company had hit an obstacle in escrow.

The City Council recently took a dim view of allowing the Water Co. to continue to furnish water to the area. It was hinted that this may have helped to sour the deal.

A local civic leader pointed out that one possible reason for the city's indifferent attitude toward the \$20,000,000 plant may be that the facility will be federally owned, and so will not contribute to local taxes. However, he declared, the plant will ultimately revert to private ownership, and will then add heavily to the city's coffers.

In addition, it will attract other industry, particularly aircraft manufacturers into this area, he stated.

A part of the Air Force's \$375,000,000 heavy press program, the gigantic addition to Harvey facilities will include two aluminum extrusion presses of 8000 tons and 20,000 tons, and two heavy forging presses of 25,000 and 35,000 tons. Structures to house these huge machines will be over ten stories high, it has been said.

Estimates of future employment have run as high as 3,000 persons.

When completed, the huge facility will provide west coast aircraft manufacturers with access to extrusions and forgings for the development and manufacture of great size and strength which will mean faster, stronger, and better aircraft for the future.

No Park for Harbor City

Harbor City Chamber of Commerce officials were informed this week by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Commission that no funds are available at this time for the construction of a municipal park and recreation center in that community.

The Chamber is spearheading a drive to obtain a public park in that city.

\$100,000 Fire at Plant

DAMAGE AMOUNTING TO nearly \$100,000 resulted last Saturday when a huge rock-crushing, sand refining unit of the Chandler Sand and Gravel Co. was swept by raging fire. Inferno was believed to have been caused by sparks from a welder's torch.

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JACK DABBS this week announced that the Ballot Battalion will stage a final drive to get all eligible voters registered before the deadline next Thursday. Dabbs is general chairman of the Ballot Battalion.

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